

Olene S. Walker Transition to Adult Living Scholarship **Application/Eligibility Information for 2009–2010**

Application Deadline: May 1, 2009 for Fall Semester 2009;

November 21, 2009 for Spring Semester 2010.

Transition to Adult Living Scholarship: The scholarship is designed to assist qualified youth who are transitioning out of state foster care to complete a post-secondary education program (degree or certificate) at one of the Utah System of Higher Education institutions. The scholarship is sponsored by private donors in partnership with the Utah Educational Savings Plan.

Selection: Applicants will be selected based on their strong desire to complete a post-secondary program of study, potential for academic success, and financial need. Students who are awarded the scholarship are required to participate in extra-curricular activities and meet regularly with a mentor.

Scholarship Amount: The maximum *yearly* scholarship award is \$5,000 for full-time enrollment (12 or more credit hours), \$3,750 for three quarters-time enrollment (9–11 hours), and \$2,500 for part-time enrollment (6–8 hours). The scholarship may be renewed up to four years depending on satisfactory academic progress and availability of funds. Students must re-apply each year to renew the scholarship.

Use of Funds: Scholarship funds may be used to cover tuition, fees, books, supplies, and living expenses.

To be eligible for consideration, the student must:

1. Submit documentation from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to verify eligibility for the scholarship. Please contact Jane Lewis, DCFS for assistance: 801-696-4866 or jhlewis@utah.gov
2. Be under 26 years old at the time of application.
3. Be admitted to a Utah System of Higher Education institution, including Applied Technology Centers (ATCs) and Skill Centers.
4. Be a US citizen or legal resident.
5. Be a Utah resident.
6. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form [Click here to view form](#) (available at www.fafsa.ed.gov) and qualify for a Pell Grant. The scholarship committee may review the circumstances of applicants who do not qualify for a Pell Grant and waive the requirement in specific instances.
7. Complete and submit the attached scholarship application form.

Students who are selected for the scholarship will be required to:

1. Enroll for part-time (6–8 credit hours), three-quarters time (9–11 credit hours) or full-time (12 or more credit hours); or, enroll in equivalent clock hours for Skills Center or Applied Technology Centers.
2. Maintain a 2.0 GPA for the first two years of study and a 2.5 GPA thereafter until graduation.
3. Complete 70% of credit hours. The scholarship can be discontinued at any time if the student fails to make academic progress.
4. Commit 5 hours or more per week of extra-curricular activities such as college/university employment, service in a student leadership organization or some other approved activity. This requirement will be reviewed and approved by the student's mentor.
5. Meet with an assigned mentor a minimum of once a month to review progress. Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the student monthly after meeting with the mentor.

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Complete the following information about the applicant:

Full Name (print):		
Address (print):		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone: ()	E-mail Address:	
Date of Birth:	Gender (circle one): M F	Marital Status:
WIA Employment Counselor (if applicable):		
Counselor Phone: ()	Counselor E-mail:	

1. Are you a U.S. citizen or a legal resident of the U.S.? ___ Yes ___ No
2. Are you a Utah resident? ___ Yes ___ No
3. Name the college, university, or training program where you have been accepted:

4. Name the last high school you attended: _____
 - Did you graduate? ___ Yes ___ No
 - If **yes**, what year? _____
 - If **no**, did you complete a GED? ___ Yes ___ No; If yes, what year? _____ Where? _____
5. Have you attended another institution of higher education? ___ Yes ___ No
 - If yes, where? _____
 - How many college credits have you earned? _____

Note: Your official transcript must be submitted to the institution's transcript office and an evaluation requested.
6. Have you taken the ACT? ___ Yes ___ No
 - If **yes**, please submit your scores with this application.
 - If **no**, have you taken the assessment/placement test? ___ Yes ___ No

If you have not taken the ACT, you must take your school's assessment/placement. Please contact your school's counseling office for more information about this test.
7. Have you applied for federal aid by completing the FAFSA form for 2009–10? ___ Yes ___ No
8. Did you list the college/university you will attend on the FAFSA form? ___ Yes ___ No
 - If **no**, you need to have your FAFSA form sent to the institution by accessing your record online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or by calling 1.800.433.3243. *You must submit a FAFSA form to be considered for this scholarship.*
9. Indicate your intended major _____ and degree _____
10. Check whether you plan to enroll:
 ___ full-time (12 or more credits) ___ ³/₄ time (9–11 credits) ___ part-time (6–8 credits)
11. List high school or community activities you participate in:

12. List your most recent employment experiences:

Date(s)	Company	Job Title	Hours per Week

Please attach the following documents to your application:

1. ____ Documentation from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services indicating eligibility for the scholarship. For help please contact Jane Lewis at DCFS: 801.696.4866 or jhlewis@utah.gov.
2. ____ A **typed**, double-spaced personal statement of 1 to 2 pages written by the applicant. Your personal statement should accomplish the following:
 - Introduce yourself—write about your talents and areas of interest. Discuss your work ethic and your ability to set and complete goals.
 - Describe your educational background, the challenges you have faced in completing your education and what you are doing to overcome these challenges.
 - Describe your interests and goals in pursuing post-secondary education.
3. ____ One or more letters of recommendation from someone who knows you and who can address your academic promise, maturity, perseverance (such as a teacher, counselor, caseworker, employer or foster parent but not a personal friend).
4. ____ A course plan (or educational plan) showing the courses and semesters you need to complete your certificate or degree. This must be completed with an advisor at your institution. *Please plan ahead to schedule a meeting with an advisor at your institution to complete the plan.*
5. ____ High school transcript; college transcript (if applicable).
6. ____ ACT scores **or** indicate that you have taken your school's assessment/placement test. Your school will forward assessment/placement test scores to the scholarship committee.

Please read the statement below and sign on the line provided:

I certify that the information I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give permission for the information in this application to be shared with the scholarship committee, the institution where I have been accepted, and the mentor who will be assisting me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send completed application and attached documents to: Jane H. Lewis, TAL Administrator Department of Human Services, 120 North 200 West #225, Salt Lake City, UT 84103. Contact Jane at jhlewis@utah.gov or 801.696.4866 and Jode Littlepage at jlittlep@utah.gov or 1-888-459-6884, if you have questions about completing this form.